

Résumé

Association Agreement with Ukraine

This thesis is devoted to the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. Being an innovative and comprehensive instrument of the EU external action this Association Agreement represents a relevant topic, which draws not only professional audience's attention. The thesis comprises of an introduction, three chapters and conclusion.

The introduction of the thesis outlines its purpose and content, defines the main points of research the thesis is focused on, indicates the reasons of its relevance and explains the structure of the thesis.

The first chapter of the thesis describes legal framework of the relevant changes in the area of the EU external action after the Treaty of Lisbon and examines possible legal basis of the Association Agreement with Ukraine in the scope of these changes. In this part there is a short description of the basic principles of the EU external action, the EU legal personality, new EU bodies for external action after the Treaty of Lisbon, EU power in external action. Later this thesis is devoted to Article 8 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) as a new possible legal basis in the EU external action, its relation to other legal bases and possible prospects of its application. After that Article 217 of the TEU is analyzed as a "classic" broad basis for association. The end of the first chapter of the thesis is focused on the legal basis of the Association Agreement with Ukraine.

The second chapter of the thesis is devoted to the development of relations between the EU and Ukraine as a precondition for conclusion of the Association agreement, it starts with the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement in 1994, goes through the European Neighborhood Policy, the Eastern Partnership and Association agenda. Attention is also paid to the human rights aspect in the EU external action and funding of the relevant external action programs of the EU.

The third chapter of the thesis is devoted to the Association Agreement with Ukraine itself. Its particular parts, including the comprehensive and ambitious part on trade and trade-related matters, are analyzed both from the point of view of structure of the Association Agreement itself and in context of other EU association agreements. The conditions and peculiarities of the signing of the Association Agreement with Ukraine are also covered in the paper.

In the conclusion of the thesis the author returns to the particular points of the research and assesses them in terms of research findings he reached while conducting this research. Attention is also paid to the new international and political stance and ambitions of the EU in view of the Treaty of Lisbon and the Association Agreement with Ukraine.

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